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BRUSSELS FOR USEEC AND EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRE-32ND UNGA CONSULTATIONS: IRELAND

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1. WE DELIVERED AN AIDE MEMOIRE FROM THE REFTEL'S TALKING
POINTS TO MFA COUNSELOR JEREMY CRAIG ON 31 AUGUST, AND
THEN DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM SEPT 7 AFTER HE HAD SHOWN IT
TO VARIOUS SENIOR OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE FOREIGN MINISTER.
CRAIG IS IN CHARGE OF UN AFFAIRS AND WILL BE THE CHIEF
WORKING MEMBER OF THE IRISH UNGA DELEGATION, AS HE HAS BEEN
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FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

2. CRAIG TOLD US THAT IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER
O'KENNEDY IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT THE UNGA OCTOBER
5, ARRIVING IN NEW YORK APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 1. WE ARE SENDING
A SEPTTEL CONCERNING BILATERALS.

3. CRAIG MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON VARIOUS POINTS, THOUGH EMPHASIZING THAT THEY WERE HIS OWN OPINIONS AND NOT SETTLED POLICY:

(A) MIDDLE EAST

THE IRISH WILL GENERALLY SUPPORT THE EC POSITION AND WILL COOPERATE WITH USG EFFORTS TO AVOID OR DEFER INITIATIVES IN THE UNGA. IN THIS REGARD HE HAS HEARD FROM NEW YORK THAT THE "BAD GUYS" (HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH ONES) WILL BE PUSHING A NEW ITEM ON SETTLEMENTS, POSSIBLY RELATED TO A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. FOR THEIR PART THE IRISH WILL TAKE A STRONG STAND ON PRINCIPLE AGAINST THE GA "TOYING WITH" SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS⁹

(B) CYPRUS

CRAIG AGREES THAT LAST YEAR'S SCENARIO WILL PROBABLY BE REPLAYED, WITH THE USUAL BAD NEWS FOR THE TURKS. IRELAND WILL OPPOSE TURKISH CYPRIOTS ADDRESSING PLENARY AND WILL PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON ANY RESOLUTION AS IT DID LAST YEAR. IRELAND RECOGNIZES MAKARIOS' SUCCESSOR AS THE LEGITIMATE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS. WE LEARNED FROM ANOTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE THAT THE LOCAL TURKISH AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN IN TO REQUEST IRISH SUPPORT AT UNGA FOR TRANSFERRING THE CYPRUS DEBATE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FIRST COMMITTEE. THE IRISH WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS MOVE.

(C) RHODESIA

THE IRISH HAVE AS YET MADE NO DECISION ON SUPPORTING THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND.

(D) APARTHEID

THE IRISH WILL SUPPORT AS IN THE PAST A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER. THE IRISH WILL ALSO PROBABLY SUPPORT A RESOLUTION ON SPORTS, BUT WOULD WITHHOLD SUPPORT IF IT CALLS FOR POSITIVE GOVERNMENT ACTION WHICH WOULD BE AGAINST THE IRISH CONSTITUTION. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE LOCAL PRESSURE ON THIS ISSUE, FANNED BY SEAN MCBRIDE. THE IRISH ARE MOST INTERESTED IN AN APPARENT CHARGE AT THE LAGOS CONFERENCE THAT ZAIRE IS ASSISTING IN A ROCKET-TESTING PROGRAM FOR SOUTH AFRICA, AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THIS SUBJECT.

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(E) NAMIBIA

THE IRISH STRONGLY SUPPORT THE DETAILED POLICY STATEMENT OF
THE EC-9 ON THIS ISSUE. WITHIN THIS CONTEXT THE GOI WILL BE
WILLING TO SUPPORT MOVES TO PUT THIS ITEM VERY LATE IN THE
4TH COMMITTEE AGENDA IN ORDER TO GIVE THE NEGOTIATIONS A CHANCE.

(F) DISARMAMENT

THE GOI FRANKLY GIVES LITTLE ATTENTION TO THIS AREA
AND WILL FOLLOW EC CONSENSUS. ON CW THEY WILL SUPPORT
THE USG POSITION. ON NUF THE EC SEEMS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THE
US POSITION BUT THERE IS SOME DISAGREEMENT ON TACTICS. CRAIG
SUGGESTED THA TIMELY CONSULATION COULD HELP TO WIDEN THE ALREADY
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APPARENT SPLIT BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND A GOOD CHUNK OF THE LDC'S.
ON CAT: ALTHOUGH THE IRISH RELUCTANTLY CO-SPONSORED THE ABORTIVE
SINGAPORE-JAPANESE RESOLUTION LAST YEAR, THEY HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY
IMPRESSED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEW POLICY AND WILL BE
PREDISPOSED TO SUPPORT A USG POSITION ALIGNED WITH THIS NEW POLICY.
CRAIG MENTIONED THAT THE BELGIANS ARE CONTEMPLATING AN INITIATIVE
ON CAT REGIONAL AGREEMENTS.

(G) PUERTO RICO AND GUAM

THE IRISH ON PRINCIPLE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO INSCRIPTION OF
THESE ISSUES BUT ON SUBSTANCE WILL SUPPORT THE USG.

(H) KOREA

SOUNDINGS IN NEW YORK HAVE ELICITED NO INDICATION THAT THE
NORTH KOREANS PLAN TO TRY AN INITIATIVE.

(I) HUMAN RIGHTS

THE IRISH WITH THE EC ARE ENTHUSIASTICALLY IN FAVOR OF
ESTABLISHING A HIGH COMMISSIONER. HOWEVER CRAIG FEELS THAT
THE CHANCES ARE SLIM FOR THIS GA. ALL SUPPORTERS SHOULD
DEVELOP A COORDINATED STRATEGY, STARTING PARTICULARLY WITH
THE ORGANIZATIONAL STAGES OF THE 3D COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION,
ON THIS SUBJECT THE IRISH WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE UNGA
SOMEHOW GET ITSELF INTO A POSTURE OF A FULL-FLEDGED,
IMPORTANT DEBATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS RATHER THAN HAVING THE
SUBJECT FRITTERED AWAY PIECEMEAL AT VARIOUS TIMES. BOTH
THE GERMANS AND THE BELGIANS HAVE IDEAS IN THIS REGARD AND
IT HAS BEEN A SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION IN EC
UN-GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

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(J) DECADE AGAINST RACISM

THE IRISH UNDERSTAND THE USG POSITION ON NON-PARTICIPATION,
BUT ALONG WITH THE EC WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE AND PRESS
FOR MODERATION. THE IRISH UN STAFF HAS AS YET NO INDICATION
WHICH WAY THIS ISSUE WILL GO AT THE UNGA, BUT THE LAGOS
EXPERIENCE IS A HOPEFUL SIGN.

(K) TORTURE

CRAIG SAID RATHER EMBARRASSEDLY THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO PASS
THIS SUBJECT FOR THE MOMENT (THE GOI HAS RECENTLY BEEN ACCUSED
BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OF TORTURE TACTICS BY THE POLICE).

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(L) MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

THE IRISH WILL SUPPORT ONLY A NOMINAL INCREASE IN THE
ACABQ. THE IRISH WILL ALSO SUPPORT RENEWING THE MANDATE
OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER ETC. THERE WILL
BE MINIMAL SUPPORT FOR ANY BIG CHANGES IN THE CHARTER.
THE PROPOSAL TO RATIONALIZE THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE GETS
ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM THE OVEREXTENDED IRISH.
ON SALARIES THE IRISH WILL GO ALONG WITH THE EC, AND
CRAIG DOES NOT KNOW IF THE EC HAS A POSITION YET.
HE IS FRANKLY PUZZLED AS TO WHY A MORE FREQUENT COST-OF
LIVING ADJUSTMENT SHOULD INCREASE AN IMBALANCE--IT SHOULD
ALL COME OUT THE SAME OVER A YEAR'S PERIOD. WE EXPLAINED
THAT US CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES ARE NOT, IN FACT, INDEXED TO
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THE COST OF LIVING AND THAT, ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT HAVE THE EXACT FIGURE, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS USG SALARIES HAD SLIPPED BEHIND THE INFLATION RATE BY A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 20 PERCENT.

4. CRAIG DEMURRED ON DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC ISSUES AND THE RENEWED 31ST UNGA BECAUSE HIS RESPONSIBILITY IS MAINLY POLITICAL. WE WILL DISCUSS ECONOMIC ISSUES WITH OTHER OFFICERS AS OPPORTUNITY WARRANTS.SHANNON

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